

## 1A English. Creative Writing Unit.

### 1. Here are some techniques you can use to make your writing more effective.

- specific nouns to describe places (eg *Leigh*), the scenery (*kowhai flowers, nikau plams*)
- fresh and interesting vocabulary (eg *pile* rather than *climb*, *wander* rather than *walk*)
- very detailed description to enable us to see the picture (eg Nana leaning on her broom , the children *hoarding around to hug her big waist*)
- short and long sentences - to create variety and emphasise some parts of the stories simplicity (*That was our stop.*)
- set the scene and then introduce the first person (narrator's) voice.
- use some carefully planned repetition, either of words, phrases or symbols.

### 2. Craft your writing

- a) Read over your writing and then use the techniques mentioned in task 1 as a checklist to edit it.
  - What can you add to make your story more detailed and visual?
  - Have you highlighted the *change* that happens on the journey? You need to make sure you have an idea that the journey conveys.
  - Have you used strong topic sentences and effective links for each paragraph?
  - Have you used appropriate and interesting language?
  - Have you included specific detail?
- b) Check all spelling. Use paragraphs and clear punctuation. Your work **must** be accurate.
- c) Present your journey in published form. If you wish you can give your journey a title.